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Hours of Operation:

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday
(excluding holidays)

CITY DEPARTMENTS

Community Center
817.514.5828

Senior Adult Center
817.514.5892

Job Line
817.514.5801

Municipal Court
817.514.5715

Public Library
817.514.5855

Public Works
817.514.5806

Water Billing
817.514.5705

Fire Department
817.514.5770

Police Department
817.514.5870

Animal Service Center
817.656.9614

Citizens Concern Line
817.514.5815

Mayor's Message:



Hector Garcia
Mayor

I am pleased to announce that according to a letter received on December 31, 2014 from Leslie C. Phipps, Postmaster, the review of the operations at the Watauga Branch of the United States Postal Services has been concluded. The Postal Service has determined that maintaining a retail presence at the current facility located at 6651 Watauga Road, Suite 103 is warranted and that no further action on the proposal to discontinue this location is planned. I am excited to hear that all services currently provided at this facility will remain unchanged.

In other news, the Watauga City Council continues to work on Strategic Planning. This process involves receiving reports regarding efforts already being made or completed, establishing plans for the next three years and declaring projects that will enhance the welfare, safety and quality of life for our citizens.

Within the next couple of months, the City Council will also be gearing up to begin the budgeting process for the next fiscal year. The Council and City staff always work very hard to ensure that all departments will continue to provide the necessary quality services our citizens expect at an affordable cost.

Finally, the Council is preparing for the up-coming May elections by organizing orientation classes and other necessary information needed for newly elected officials so that they can be ready to serve their community and to comply with required State laws and the City Charter.

I encourage you to attend the meetings of our boards and Council, which are all open to the public. I also invite you to volunteer for our various boards and committees. Our goal as a City is to be as transparent to our citizens as possible, which will make Watauga "A Great Place to Live!"

Business Spotlight: Café Sicilia



Café Sicilia is now open in Watauga! Step inside and be transported to Italy by the aroma of fresh Italian cuisine and the sound of a bubbling fountain. Café Sicilia has a warm, friendly atmosphere and diverse menu to please the entire family. Come for diner and try a home-made pizza, creamy pasta dish, tossed salad, or a delicious seafood, chicken, or veal entrée. They also offer two-course lunch specials starting at \$6.50. For a full menu, visit them online at www.cafesicilia.com or in person in the Richland Commons Shopping Center at 6801 Rufe Snow Drive. Café Sicilia is open Sunday-Thursday 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., Friday 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., and Saturday 3:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.



The Great Texas Warrant Round-Up is coming! Beginning on Saturday, March 7th, 2015, U.S. Marshals and many local law enforcement agencies including the City of Watauga will kick off a massive effort to collect unpaid debt. If you have unpaid traffic or non-traffic Class C citations, now is a good time to take care of them if you want to avoid an untimely arrest at your home or place of business. Those with outstanding citations can make arrangements with the court by contacting them Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Contact Officer Smith at 817.514.5742 or Officer Campbell at 817.514.5831 to make arrangements. You may also contact the court directly by calling 817.514.5715. If you are unsure if you have active warrants in the City of Watauga our warrant list is updated regularly and is posted on the City’s Website under Departments -> Municipal Court -> Warrant Round-Up.

Coming This Spring

Wild West Watauga Fest Capp Smith Park 2015



Saddle up your horses and buckle up those spurs. It's time again for the Annual Wild West Watauga Fest. Come enjoy our Live Music from **Me and My Monkey, Incognito, POO Live CREW** and others. Take a leisurely stroll through the old Watauga depot where you will find treasures a plenty! The kids can enjoy midway rides at the Carnival. When you get a hankerin' for a bite to eat, we have you covered with some of the tastiest treats this side of the Mississippi. Wild West Watauga Fest will also host a second stage area where local dance groups and aspiring young musicians will perform.

No coolers allowed.

Friday Night Band: Incognito
Saturday Night Bands: Me and My Monkey, POO Live CREW
(Headliner to be announced soon.)



Meows & Howls!

Watauga Animal Services Center
5203 Watauga Rd. 817.656.9614

Saturday, March 14, 2015 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Texas Coalition for Animal Protection (TCAP) will be joining us to provide low cost vaccinations and other various pet services. **Cash or Charge Only.**

TCAP Services:

- * Rabies Vaccination \$5.00
- * Flea and Tick Prevention \$10.00
- * Heartworm Prevention \$20.00-\$30.00
- * Other Various Vaccines \$10.00

Watauga Animal Shelter Services:

- * Micro-chipping \$15.00
- * City Registration \$5.00



Essential Oils 101

Watauga Senior Center

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Learn what are essential oils; practical ways of using them in ourselves, our pets, and our homes.



Hello Watauga!

As a homeowner, we find ourselves having to make repairs to our properties from time to time. It can be confusing knowing when you need a permit for your project.

The following are a few examples of when you need a permit. This list is not a complete list, so if you are unsure if a permit is required, please contact the permit office prior to starting work.

Permits are required for the following:

- **Roofing:** Replacement requires a permit, minor repairs are exempt.
- **Plumbing:** Any repair or replacement of piping will need a permit, faucet or toilet repairs are exempt.
- **Electrical:** Installation, repair or replacement of wiring requires a permit, fixture replacement is exempt.
- **Heating and Air:** Installation of new or replacing existing systems require a permit, service work is exempt.
- **Accessory Buildings or Storage sheds:** Require a permit.
- **Patio covers, Carports and Garage conversions:** Require a permit.

Property owners who are living at the homesteaded property may do the above repairs on their own with a permit. If you are a landlord you are required to use a licensed professional. All Contractors are required to be registered with the City of Watauga.

Please contact the permit office for any questions.

Permit Office 817.514.5843

Building Inspector 817.514.5841



National Small Business Week is fast approaching and all our local Watauga businesses and residents are invited to participate! The 52nd National Small Business Week will be May 4-8th. Below is a preview of the events to take place. Join the conversation on twitter or Facebook using #SBW2015 and #WataugaSBW. For more information, contact Victoria Vaughan at 817.514.5813 or vvaughan@wataugatx.org.

Monday – Breakfast Mob (Location TBD) – Come to breakfast and learn about inspiring local business stories. Join the conversation using #MotivationalMonday.

Tuesday – Tip Tuesday - Offer business advice and tips you have learned along the way using #TipTuesday.

Wednesday – Webinar Wednesday – Want expert business advice, but not at an expert cost? Join us for engaging and relevant webinars led by industry experts using #WebinarWednesday.

Thursday – Throwback Thursday – No, we don't want your childhood pictures, but we do want to see how your business has grown and evolved in Watauga. Show us your business history using #ThrowbackThursday.

Friday – Lunch Mob (Location TBD) – Spend your lunch break learning how local businesses are using social media and the internet to engage their customers and grow their business. Use #FollowFriday to thank your loyal customers for their likes and follows.

Saturday – Shop Small Saturday – Monday through Friday is just not enough time to celebrate all of Watauga's small businesses. So get out and shop local on Saturday, May 9th. Show us what deals you score using #ShopSmallSaturday.

AARP Tax Aide

Wednesdays
March 4- April 15, 2015
Watauga Community Center
7901 Indian Springs Rd.
Call 817.514.5892 or
817.514.5828 to schedule
an appointment.

***Must pick up Intake Form
prior to appointment**

AARP Smart Driver Course

Wednesday, March 11, 2015
12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (One Day 4 Hour Class)
\$15.00 AARP Members \$20.00 Non Members
(AARP Membership Card required for discount.)
***Drivers 18 and up can attend this program.**
Watauga Senior Adult Center
7857 Indian Springs Rd.
Call 817.514.5892 to RSVP.
***To receive a discount on your insurance contact
your Agent to see if you qualify.**

Matter of Balance

Watauga Senior Center
Wednesdays April 1-May 20, 2015
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
To register call 817.514.5892.
Must have 10 participants for class.



Library Youth Programs

Wake Up the Walls!

March 12 – March 19
Ages 4-18

Stop by the Library on or after March 2, 2015, and pick up a brochure that will have all the necessary information and contest rules for this annual event. Be sure to note the size restrictions. **We will receive entries beginning Thursday, March 12, 2015. Deadline for the contest entries is Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.** An awards ceremony will be held at the Library on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. All art must be picked up no later than April 2, at 8:00 p.m.

Down on the Farm Bunny Petting Zoo!

April 1, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Down on the Farm Petting Zoo will bring 25 bunnies for you to pet. Who knows, the Easter Bunny might just drop by when he learns that 25 of his best bunny friends are at the Library!

Spring Break Fun at the Library 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Explore Horizons: Tutoring & Enrichment Center of Alliance will be offering an hour long, fun-filled, reading workshop on the following days at the Library. Call or stop by the Youth Services desk after February 17, to sign up. The workshops are limited to 20 participants per session. All supplies will be furnished.

March 9th (pre-K to 2nd grade) Magic Treehouse
March 10th (pre-K to 2nd grade) Learn to Read with Rocket Dog
March 11th (pre-K to 2nd grade) Funny Fairy-tales
March 12th (3rd to 4th grade) Quiz Whizz
March 13th (5th to 6th grade) Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Library Art Club-Make Your Own Minions!

Friday, March 20, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Teen Volunteers will offer free art classes at the Library the third Friday of each month to children 5 to 12 years of age. Registration is required and you may register at the Youth Desk. Space is limited to 20 students. All supplies will be provided.

Bilingual Story Time, Thursday, March 5th

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. with Mrs. Paola Baucom

(First Thursday of every month at 4:00 p.m.)

Chess Club

Wednesday, March 4th, 18th, & 25th, 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

March Story Times

3rd & 4th	It's Raining, It's Pouring!
10th & 11th	Happy St. Patrick's Day
17th & 18th	Sensational Spring
24th & 25th	Happy Easter

There will be no Story Time on the 31st.

Library Adult Programs

Author Appearance by author Julia Heaberlin

Thursday, March 5th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Meet thriller author Julia Heaberlin. She will give a fascinating presentation about her two novels *Lie Still* and *Playing Dead* as well as the writing and publishing process. This presentation will be interesting for book lovers, potential authors, and anyone interested in a good story.

Movie Night and More

Thursday, March 12th
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a screening of the original movie set in the Museum of Natural History and starring Ben Stiller. Popcorn will be served. Come before the showing to get your picture taken with a dinosaur!

Exploring Your Family Tree Genealogy Class

Monday, March 9th and Monday, March 23rd
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Join genealogists as they assist you with researching your family history. The instructors will help you overcome any obstacles in investigating your ancestry. This class is good for beginners and experts alike.

Homework Help Center

Tuesdays, 3:45-5:45 p.m.
Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

No Homework Help during spring break.

The Homework Help Center is open during the school year and offers help with homework at no charge to students in 1st through 6th grades. Parents must register at the Library. Call 817.514.5865 for more information.

English Reading, Writing, and Speaking Classes

Tuesday mornings from 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. -7:45 p.m.

Improve your English-speaking, reading, and writing skills at these classes. The teacher will also provide optional homework. Basic knowledge of English required. Not for beginners.

Library Book Club

Thursday, March 19th from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Once a year the adult book group selects a classic children's novel to read and discuss. Join the book club as we discuss the classic book *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum.

GED Classes

Call the reference desk at 817.514.5865 for more information.

Knitting and Crocheting Group

Every 2nd and 4th Monday from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Newbies and experts alike are welcome to join us for a new needlework group. Learn how to knit or crochet in a fun and friendly environment. Please bring needles/hook and yarn.